Operations Dish Antecnna and Cable T.V. Systems

3934. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dish Antenna and Cable T.V. systems are being operated by some private agencies in the country; and

(b) which foreign T.V. stations they are catching and the programme of which are being shown to the subscribing viewers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whereas usable contours of foreign satellites namely ASIASAT, ARABSAT, PALAPA, STATIONAR, CHINASAT AND INTELSAT footprints cover India wholly or partially, Cable TV operators using appropriate Dish Antenna systems, indigenously available, are reported to be distributing mainly STAR TV programmes, BBC programmes, Pakistan TV programmes, etc. via ASIASAT and CNN programmes via ARABSAT. The existing licensing procedure prescribed and administered by the Ministry of Communications, however, does not permit the establishment of Dish Antenna for receiving TV programmes from foreign satellites.

Recommendations of Mahalik Committee

3935. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFOR MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the major recommendations of the Mahalik Committee set up in December last to study the advertisements and the structure of commercial tariff on Doordarshan and to suggest measures to increase the Doordarshan's commercial revenue;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the impact of cable TV on Doordarshan's advertisements and how it is proposed to meet its challenge particularly in the afternoon entertainment slot, as revenue earning potential?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The report of the Committee is under Government's consideration.

(c) There is no discernible impact on Doordarshan's commercial revenues. Doordarshan is constantly endeavouring to telecast more interesting and entertaining programmes to retain the interests of its viewers as well as to increase its commercial revenue through advertisements, etc.

Short Time Allotted for Languages other than Hindi

3936. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it ts a fact that time allotted for other languages than Hindi in the Television is very short: and

(b) if so, the details of time allocation and how it is determined?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No specific time has been allotted for programme to be telecast in a particular language.

(b) Does not arise.

दिल्ली दूरदर्शन केंद्र द्वारा हिन्दी कवि-सम्मेलन का आयोजन

3937. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या : सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991 में दूरदर्शन तथा आकाशवाणी के दिल्ली केन्द्रों द्वारा कितने हिन्दी कवि-सम्मेलनों का आयोजन किया गया था ;

(ख) ऐसे सम्मेलनों का तिथि-वार ब्यौरा क्या है और उनमें किन-किन कवियों को बुलाया गया था और उन्हें किस-किस तिथि को आमंत्रित किया गया था ; और

(ग) क्या इन अवसरों पर दिल्ली के ही कवियों को आमंत्रित करने की कोई विशेष परिपाटी है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, दिल्ली और आकाशवाणी दिल्ली ने वर्ष 1991 के दौरान क्रमश: 11 और 12 कवि सम्मेलनों का आयोजन किया । (नीचे देखिये)

(ख) ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।